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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EA MILLER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LA, US

SUBJECT: CRITICISM OF CHARGE

REF: A) STATE 143624

B) STATE 143625

1. FOR THE RECORD, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVE NEVER THREATENED A BREAK IN OUR RELATIONS AND I DO NOT BELIEVE I EVER LOST MY COOL WITH LAO. MY CONSTANT THEME WITH LAO, INCLUDING SOUVANNA, PHOUMI, SOTH, ET AL, HAS BEEN THAT WE WANTED TO DO WHAT WE COULD TO HELP THEM RESTORE CALM AND PLACE OUR RELATIONS ON AN ORDERLY BASIS. HOWEVER, IN THE HEAT OF MAY, I FELT STRONGLY (AND SO DID COUNTRY TEAM) THAT I HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO RELIEVE PRESSURES ON AMERICAN COMMUNITY. THIS INVOLVED WHAT MIGHT BEST BE TERMED "COUNTER-PUNCHING" - THAT IS OPPORTUNING FREQUENTLY AND AT ODD TIMES SOUVANNA (ALTHOUGH I AVOIDED PRESSING HIM TOO HARD AND SAW HIM FINALLY ONLY 3 OR 4 TIMES) AND PHOUMI (ALMOST DAILY). I ALSO MADE CLEAR TO BOTH, BUT NO MORE THAN A COUPLE OF TIMES, THAT THE WAY EVENTS WERE UNROLLING COULD COLOR RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I NEVER USED THE WORD "BREAK"; I PUT THIS

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PROPOSITION IN MOST DISPASSIONATE TERMS POSSIBLE.

2. I BELIEVE IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT SOUVANNA, WHO DOES NOT LIKE BEARERS OF ILL TIDINGS, SHOULD FEEL RESENTMENT TOWARD ME. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THIS IS ANOTHER GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW PHOUMI WORKS ON SOUVANNA. I AM CONVINCED THAT PHOUMI REPEATEDLY TOLD PM THAT I WAS THREATENING AND THAT I EXAGGERATED WHAT WAS HAPPENING. (PHENG NORINDR, SOUVANNA'S CHEF DE CABINET, PRETTY WELL CONFIRMED THIS TO ME.) GIVEN SOUVANNA'S DISPOSITION AND HAVING HEARD MY CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING OUR RELATIONS (AS DIRECTED BY SECRETARY), FACT WHICH I HAVE OF COURSE NEVER MENTIONED SOUVANNA PROBABLY NOW BELIEVES THAT I AM ONE OF THE MAIN SOURCES OF DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN LAOS AND U.S. THIS YOU SHOULD KEEP IN MIND AS EVENTS UNFOLD.  
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